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**BRIDGE STEEL WORK WILL AFFECT ROUTE 9 TRAFFIC IN KEENE**  
**SETTING OF BEAMS ON NEW BRIDGE OVER ASH SWAMP BROOK**

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces the planned setting of steel bridge beams in Keene will impact traffic on NH Route 9 during the week of February 28 through March 4, 2005.

This bridge work will involve the placement of thirteen 100-foot long beams for the new bridge over Ash Swamp Brook. Three beams are expected to put in place daily. Alternating one-way traffic will be necessary in order to complete the work. Delays of up to 10 minutes can be expected while the beams are lifted off trucks located on the temporary bridge by cranes and set into place.

Variable message boards will be used to alert motorists of the delays. Uniformed officers will assist with traffic control.

R.S. Audley of Bow, New Hampshire is the general contractor for the \$7.5 million project, which includes the replacement of the NH 9 box culvert over Ash Swamp Brook, and the reconstruction and realignment of the NH 9 and NH 10 intersections with Base Hill Road. The scheduled completion date for the project is July 2006.